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VIIth WORLD CONGRESS OPENS

From July 31 - August 8, an estimated 3,000 people from as many as 60 nations will gather in Washington, D.C., at the Washington Hilton Hotel for the VIIth World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf. Sponsored by the NAD with the assistance of a grant from the Rehabilitative Services Administration, the World Congress is meeting in the United States for the first time in its 24-year history.

The one-week program will address itself to the theme, "Full Citizenship For All Deaf People." In addition to business meetings, a comprehensive professional program will provide an international forum on arts and culture, social aspects, pedagogy, psychology, vocational rehabilitation, medicine and audiology, spiritual care and communications, as they relate to deafness.

The 1975 Congress will be officially opened during a special ceremony in the International Ballroom of the Washington Hilton at 2 p.m. on August 3. Mr. Stanley Thomas, Assistant Secretary for Human Development, HEW, and Dr. Andrew Adams, Commissioner, Rehabilitative Services Administration, will address the delegates.

THE ROLE OF THE WFD

The World Federation of the Deaf is an international organization which has as its basic aim the promotion of the social rehabilitation and growth of the deaf.

The Federation is also concerned with the medical aspects of hearing impairments and particularly with controlling diseases which may cause deafness.

The activities of the World Federation are conducted in cooperation with national and international organizations; and it maintains official relations with the United Nations, UNESCO, the World Health Organization and the International Labor Organization.

The World Federation of the Deaf has its headquarters in Rome and was set up in 1951. A Congress is called every four years.

WELCOME TO GALLAUDET

We want to extend a special welcome to the more than 500 international visitors who will be staying on our campus during the Congress.

We are happy to have you as part of the Gallaudet College community.

INFORMATION? TOURS? BUSES???

An information booth, manned by volunteers, has been set up in the Student Union Building from July 30 through August 8, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Our volunteers will be happy to assist with questions regarding the campus, sightseeing in Washington, and the Congress itself.

Tours of the campus will also be conducted during the same period. Many departments on campus have made special efforts to have photographs, art work and other materials on display. Perhaps some of our own faculty and staff members

would like to join a tour group. Schedules are available in the Student Union Building.

A shuttle bus service between the College and the Hilton Hotel, the Congress headquarters, is being provided from August 1-8. A complete time and fare schedule is available in the Student Union Building.

Please direct all visitors with questions to the information desk in the Student Union Building.

COLLEGE TO HOLD CONVOCATION

Signifying its commitment to deaf people throughout the world, Gallaudet will hold a Convocation on Tuesday, August 5, at 8 p.m., on the Mall. The Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller, Vice President of the United States, will deliver the Convocation address.

Nine persons from the international community who have made significant contributions toward the betterment of deaf people will be honored.

The Gallaudet College Alumni Award will be presented to Andrew Foster (Nigeria), Dragoljub Vukotic (Yugoslavia), and Boyce Williams (U.S.A.). The first Powrie V. Doctor Medallion for International Service will be awarded to Fritz Geisperger (West Germany), Thomas H. Sutcliffe (Great Britain) and Quota International. Ms. Joan N. May from Australia will accept the medallion for Quota International.

In addition, three honorary degrees will be conferred upon D.K. Nandy (India), Ole Munk Plum (Denmark) and Cesare Magarotto (Italy).

The Gallaudet College community is cordially invited to attend the Convocation and the reception which will follow. In the event of rain, those persons who received written invitations will go to the Auditorium. All other guests will be invited to see the ceremonies

in Hall Memorial Building over closed circuit television.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO FACULTY

The academic procession will form in Hall Memorial Building at 7:30 p.m. outside of the student lounge on the first floor. The march will begin at 7:50 p.m. and proceed to the Mall.

A CORDIAL INVITATION....

...to a reception given by the D.C. Chapter of the GCAA is extended to the entire College community. The festivities will be held on July 31, at 8 p.m. in the SUB.

Please join our local alumni in welcoming the many Congress delegates to our campus.

LET US ENTERTAIN YOU

The World Congress will feature an exciting cultural program at the Hilton Hotel. All performances are open to the public. For ticket information, contact Nancy Connors at 587-1788.

*Friday, August 1, 8 p.m.: *German Theatre of the Deaf*

*Saturday, August 2, 8 p.m.: *Polish Mime Group*

*Sunday, August 3, 7 p.m.: *Rock Gospel*

*Monday, August 4, 8 p.m.: *Swedish Tyst Teater and Israeli Demama Dance Group*

*Wednesday, August 6, 8 p.m.: *National Theatre of the Deaf*

In addition, the Swiss Mime Chorus will give a brief performance at the Kennedy Center on August 3. This performance is free of charge.

TELEVISION COVERAGE

The ABC Captioned News, shown nightly at 11 p.m. over Channel 26, will feature special news reports from the Congress during the week of August 4.

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